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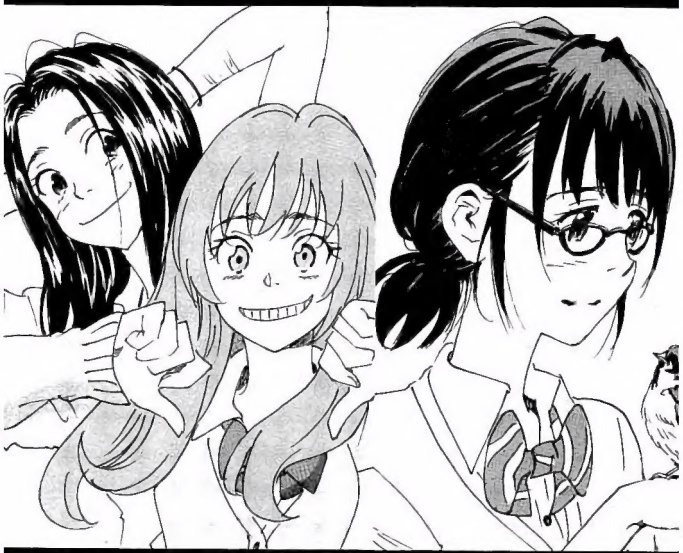

小津姉妹(高3)
OZU SISTERS

コッペリオン掃除係のメンバーで双子の姉妹。電撃を放つことができる姉・歌音(右)と怪力を持つ妹・詩音(左)からなる。非常に凶暴な性格なのだが、前との戦いの末に改心を果たす。

野村タエ子(高1)
NOMURA TAEKO

コッペリオン保健係の癒し系。豊富な知識と高い探索能力(あまりに遠くが見えすぎるため眼鏡で視力を10分の1に落としている)で前を補佐する。動物が好きで、すぐ仲良くなれる。

登場人物紹介

Dr.コッペリウス
DR.COPPELIUS

マッド・サイエンティストであり、コッペリオンの開発者。コッペリオンの時代を築くために核戦争を起こそうと暗躍。だが、儀柔したはずの市川迷砂に裏切られ計画は失敗に終わる。

黒澤遥人(高3)
KUROSAWA HARUTO

コッペリオン掃除係のリーダーであり、*超再生能力。を持つ。Dr.コッペリウスのクローン人間で頭脳明晰、冷静沈着。シェルター109の火災を止めるため、自ら犠牲となったが復活を果たす。

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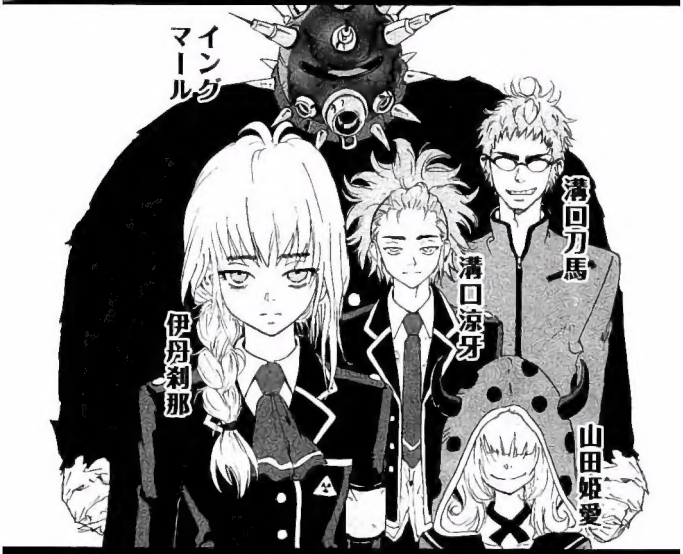
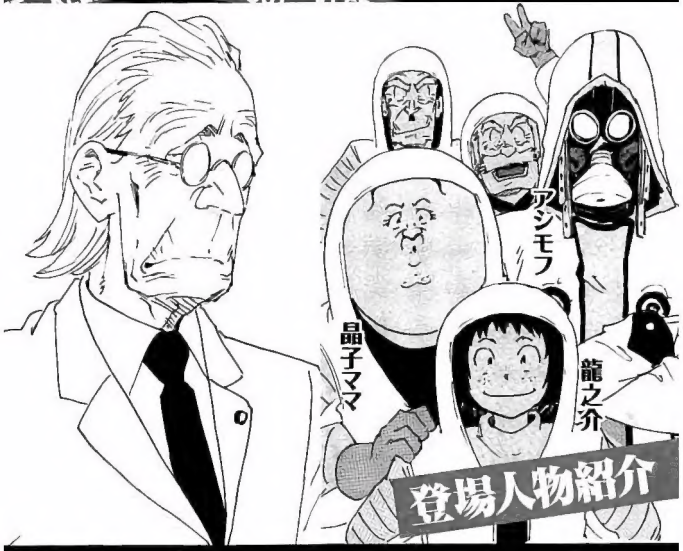


忘れもの係

LOST ARTICLE UNIT

過去に殺人を犯したため、コッペリオンの失敗作として廃棄工場 *SITE-0。に放り込まれていた面々。それぞれに強力な特殊能力を持っているらしく、特にリーダーの伊丹刹那はフォッシロイドをたった一人で倒してしまうほどの戦闘力を誇る。日本政府に反旗をひるがえした後、東京で暴走を開始。危険分子として幾度となく前たちの行く手を阻む。



登場人物紹介

鷗外正宗
OGAI MASAMUNE

内閣官房長官として日本政府を陰で操る冷酷な男。夏目総理不在の中、京都会議を取り仕切る。しかし現在、水面下で内閣不信任案が提出されようとしており、苦境に立たされている。

渋谷の生存者たち
SURVIVORS

渋谷のシェルター109にて生活を営んでいた都民の生き残りたち。シェルター内にまで汚染水が浸入したのを機に、東京脱出を決意。前とともに海ほたるを目指し、第三師団に保護された。

陸上自衛隊第三師団

GROUND SELF-DEFENSE FORCE 3RD DIVISION

コッペリオンが所属する部隊の面々。東京の生存者救出計画を任されている。師団長の三島鬼兵は、刑たちが通っていた防衛大付属特別工科学校の教頭でもある。また三島を補佐する井伏や科学班主任の武者小路など、それぞれがコッペリオンの任務遂行をバックアップしていた。生存者たちを救うべく、政府から潜水艦"幻龍"を乗っ取り東京へ上陸を果たす。

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PLANT.1【橋を越えて】

2036 AD. The JGSDF Third Division Special Forces Unit "Coppelion" succeed in evacuating all remaining survivors from Tokyo, which was abandoned after a nuclear meltdown. But the Daiba nuclear power plant shows signs of a possible second meltdown!! Ibara makes for the sarcophagus in order to stop a second tragedy!!

Rainbow Bridge, Daiba

Plant 1:[Across the Bridge]

Is this snow ...?!
Brr! Cold!
It's leaking out of the sarco-phagus, most likely.
The sea breeze is picking it up...
No... it's radio-active dust.
Come in, Vice Principal Mishima.
This is—
Hello?
This is Naruse.

FVVT
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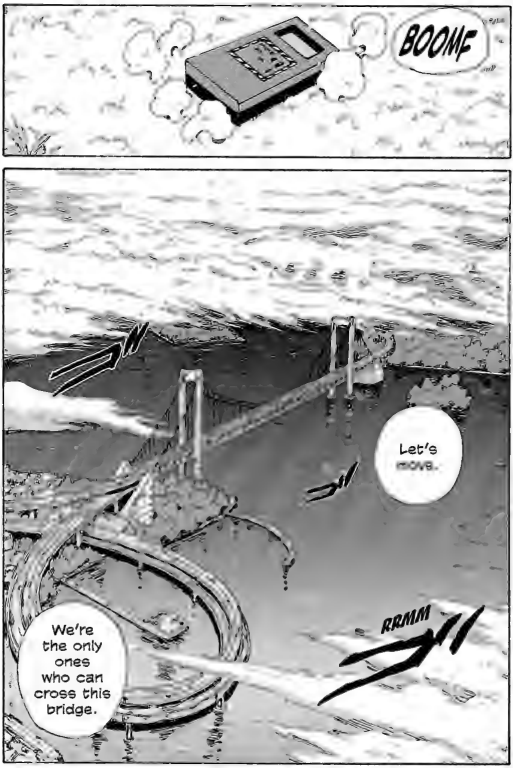
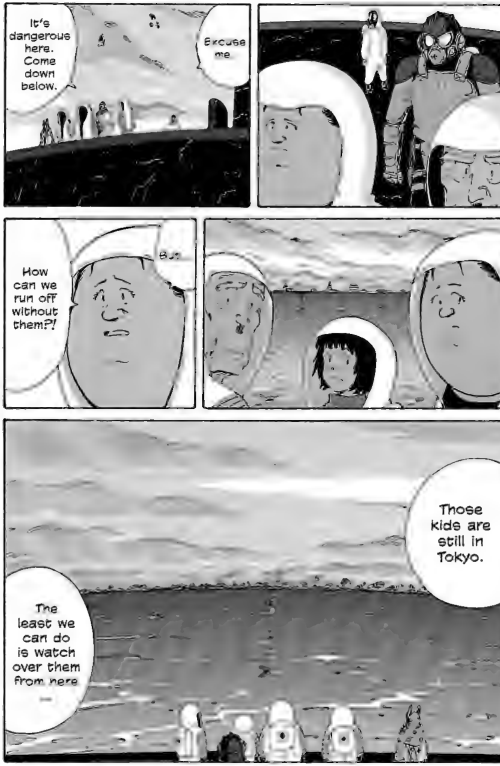
Electro-magnetic inter-ference ...
The radiation is too strong here.
No point in keeping this Geiger counter around, either.
No human could so much as approach this place.


BOOM!
Let's move.
We're the only ones who can cross this bridge.
RRMM

Submarine "Genryu"
Tokyo Bay
Next!
Thank you, Mr. Vice Principal!
Climb down carefully.


It's dangerous here. Come down below.
Excuse me.
How can we run off without them?!
But...
Those kids are still in Tokyo.
The least we can do is watch over them from here...

We can watch for their return from there.
There are monitors down on the bridge.
Okay, Vice Principal ...
We get to go inside a submarine! Wow!

RRMM
What's up, Aoi?
Umm, Ibara?
HWOOOO
What would happen if we just leave it alone?
Like, how can there be a second accident anyway?

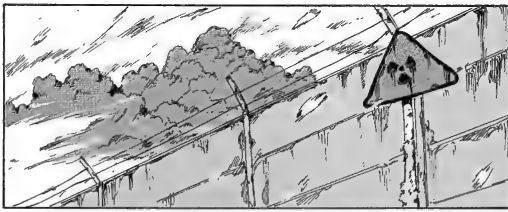
This is when a nuclear reactor which has once stopped undergoing nuclear fission begins again and achieves a critical state.
A second accident ...
We learned this in school, moron!
BONK
Jesus, this is basic stuff!
I can't imagine that happening by pure coincidence ...
What on Earth has happened in there...?
For another meltdown to occur, the perfect balance of uranium fuel and neutrons would have to collide...
Only the first meltdown twenty years ago quite literally melted the reactor core, yes?
We gotta stop this thing from going critical, no matter what.
All we know for a fact is that the sarcophagus is giving off new radiation.

If Tokyo gets hit by a new batch of radioactive fallout...
...we'll *never* be able to clean it up.

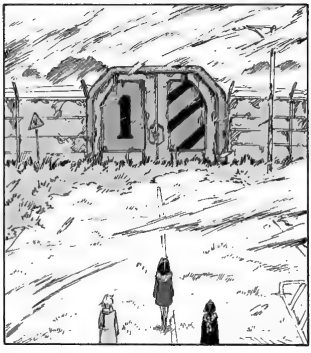
Meh.
Not that *we* give a crap.
Gweh
We absolutely can't let that happen!
Okay, I get it now...!
Gweh! L-Leggo!
What's the matter?
Why are you two second-years stopping?

If you went anywhere near the reactor, that in itself could trigger a second accident...
O-Oh yeah...!
Our bodies give off *neutrons* because we're defective!
Uhhh, you forgetting something?
Right, Mana?
That's just as bad as having nuclear missiles and not being able to us 'em!
Aww! They can't come with us? Again?!
Sooo we're gonna chill here.
Yup!
Boring! Just do a speed run through it! ♪
The mission is all about stabilizing the reactor, yeah?
It's not that we're slacking off, 'kay? Later!

You two stand guard at the bridge.
Okay.
Take care.
Ah! Wait for meee!
Okay, we're movin' out!



We made it off the Capital Expressway! Almost there!
The fog's thick.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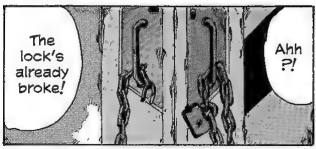
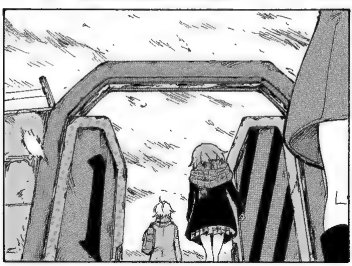
BWOOSH

That the gate for the sarcophagus area?


The lock's already broke!
Ahh?!

Dr. Coppelius...?

...looks like someone beat us here.



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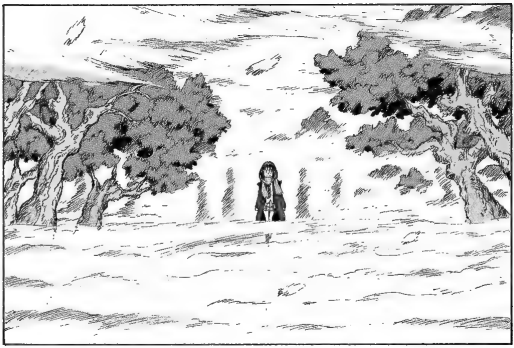
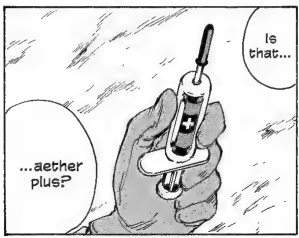
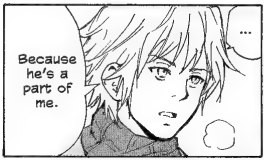


A forest?
The sarco-phagus should be...


Is that...
...aether plus?

Haruto ...
How do you know he's here?

Yes.
Dr. Coppelius' last shot of aether is about to run out.


...
Because he's a part of me.

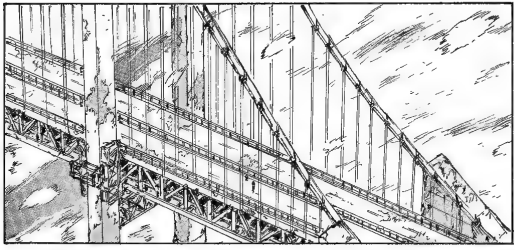
First he gets in our way, then he helps us...
I don't understand him.

I asked myself...
...what I would do in his position.

He wants to change the world.
He's obsessed with that dream.

Huh? Yeah...
You mean how they wanted to rig the sarcophagus with explosives?
Naruse, do you remember the First Division's plan?
Right...
If the sarcophagus were to be blasted open during a second meltdown, the damage would be devastating.
It would bring the world one step closer to Dr. Coppelius' dream.
A future in which all people are Coppelion...
The sarcophagus is just ahead!
Run, guys!
He might already be in there!
...then we gotta track him down!

TMP
...what're you waiting for, Haruto?!
TMP



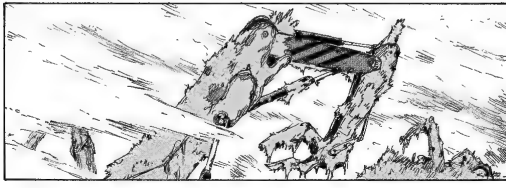
Mana.
Hey.

...when you were trying to tell me something?
You remember...
That secret.
The one you claim the doc told *you* and not *me*.
Spill it, Mana.
We're *friends*, right?

I...

I see some-thing...!
The sarco-phagus ?!

HFF
...P
HAA



It seems to be a collection of old construction equipment.
Huh! Another pile of garbage!

Look! There's a path down the middle.
Oh, my! It seems we can pass through to the other side.
They're all smashed and squished together
They must be remote-controlled machinery that was used to construct the sarcophagus.

...that all of the machinery had to be left behind due to the contamination.
The elders mentioned...
...left behind here...
They were...
You all worked with all your heart...

Or their hard work will go unrewarded... that's what they're saying.
They want us to stop a second meltdown.
I know how they feel...
SWISH
It's lifting...!
...the fog...
SWISH

HWOOO

The cancer plague

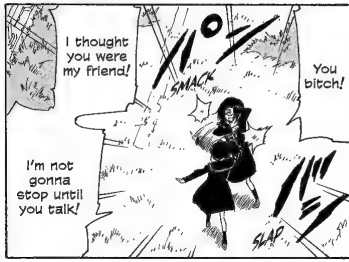
RRMM

Wooow!
Sis, it's huge!
A real-life Pandora's box.
Sheesh. The humans outdid themselves.
Let's find the entrance.
We're going in!

GRAB

What are you waiting for?!
Spit it out already, Mana!

Enough, Melsa.


I thought you were my friend!
SMACK
You bitch!
I'm not gonna stop until you talk!
SLAP

Stop.
I'll tell you myself.
Doctor...

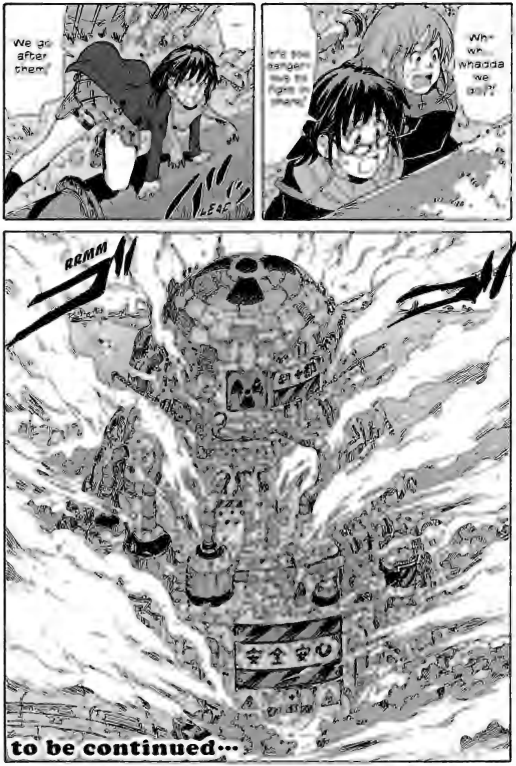
Wait, Ibara!

...!!

There's only one entrance ...
HFF
HAA
Here we are. The central gate!

That's...
HWOOO
The Retrieval Unit...!

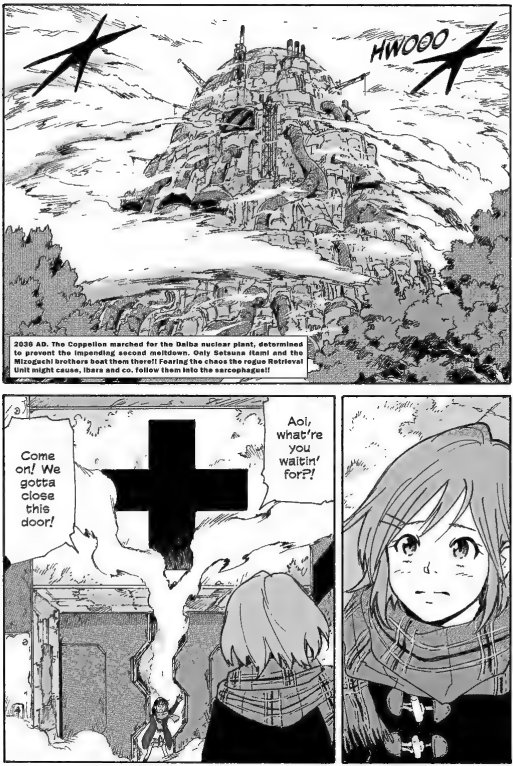
The chick in the black poncho... Setsuna Itami?!
I thought we beat her ass! Dammit!
They couldn't be...
This is trouble, Naruse ...!
They're the ones who broke off that lock, then.
KRAM
Are they planning to blow up the sarcophagus ...?!

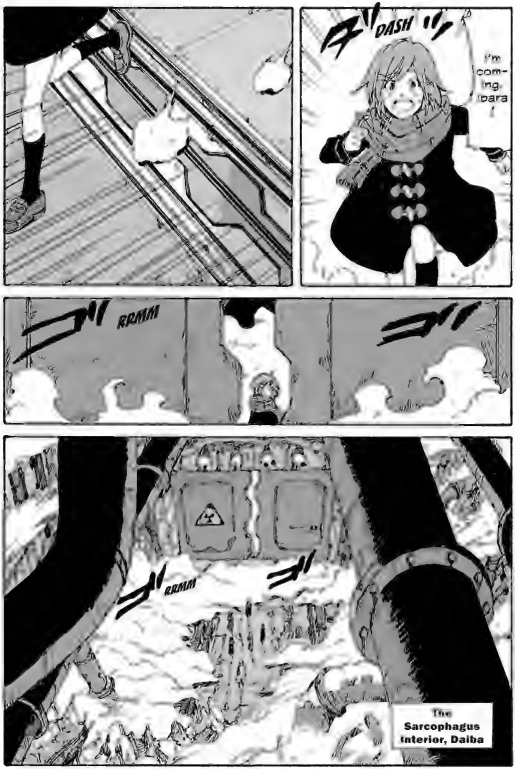

We go after them!
It's too dangerr! We have to regroup first!
Wh- wh- whadda we do?!
RRMM
to be continued…

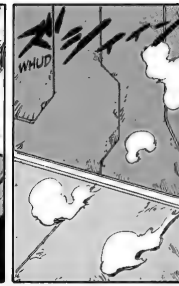
Plant 2:
[Release From Zero]

COPPELION

Special Forces against radiation


HWOOO
2030 AD. The Coppelion marched for the Daiba nuclear plant, determined to prevent the impending second meltdown. Only Satsuna Itami and the Mizoguchi brothers beat them there!! Fearing the chaos the rogue Retrieval Unit might cause, Ibara and co. follow them into the sarcophagus!!
Come on! We gotta close this door!
Aoi, what're you waitin' for?!


DASH
I'm coming, Ibara!
RRMM
RRMM
The Sarcophagus interior, Daiba


WHUD

It's like a sauna in here.
All this steam must be from the decontamination system...
SLIP

Geez, it's hot in here!
What gives?
...

Let's check this place out.
Okay ...

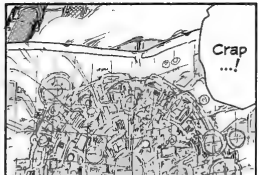
Look! A buncha debris is just sitting here!
Shouldn't it be, you know, cleaned up?

Hoo boy... Utter chaos up in here.
It's like we jumped into some mad artist's painting.

...there was no choice but to leave it as it was.
The sarcophagus was a temporary measure built to contain the meltdown as much as possible...

They covered up an unanticipated, uncontrollable threat...
...with iron, lead, and concrete.
No sign of the Retrieval Unit.
This is an enormous plant. Losing track of them would be highly undesirable.
KCHK
Okay, I've got that map handy!
We're starting out here, so we should go, uh...

I'll direct us.
Let me have it.


Crap ...!

The Retrieval Unit, or the impending melt-down?
So whadda we take care of first?!

It's so cluttered! I can't make heads or tails of this!

We don't have time to make that choice.
We'll deal with both tasks simulta-neously.

CLOP
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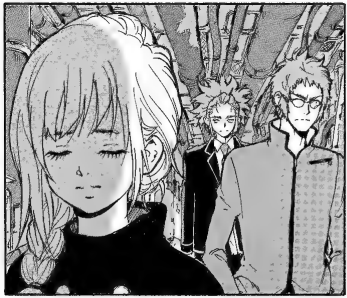
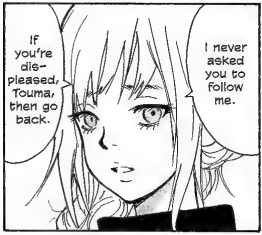
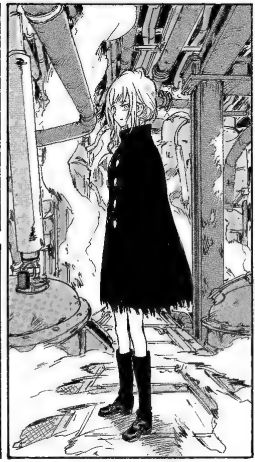
The hell is all this now?
Don't tell me we're *lost*.
Don't ask *me*, bro. Ask her.
We were only following her, remember?

You gonna explain yourself anytime soon, Setsuna?



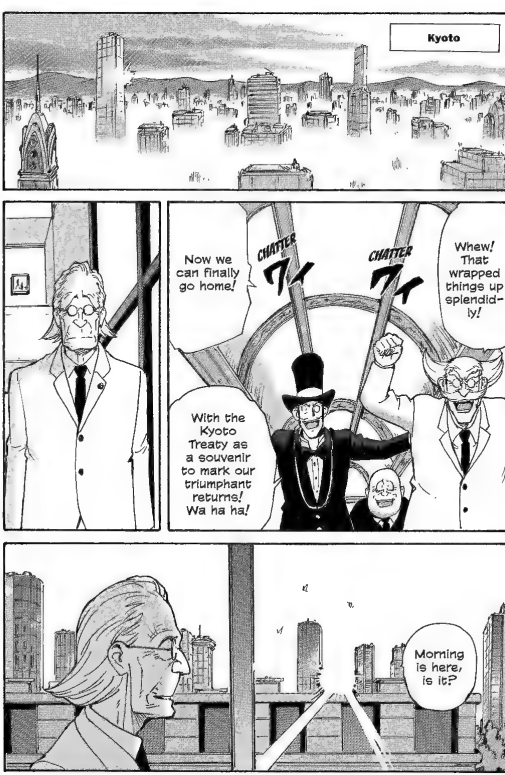

I never asked you to follow me.
If you're die-pleased, Touma, then go back.



Back ...?
Back to *where*?

Or are we just supposed to waltz back to where we started, at Site Zero...?
BAM
To that hellhole we had to climb out of?
Answer me that, Setsuna!
How the hell do you make it from *zero* to *one*?
Zero. Zero is *nothing*.
That's where our new world will start... Is what the voice tells me.
The answer lies somewhere inside this sarcophagus.
Every day, the voice gets louder, controls more of me...
Someone is whispering in my head...

Don't be his little puppet!
You're just spewing the same bullshit as that old sack of crap!
I'm not.
SLIP
The voice doesn't belong to Dr. Coppelius.
Come with me, Touma...
...and I'll *release* you from zero.

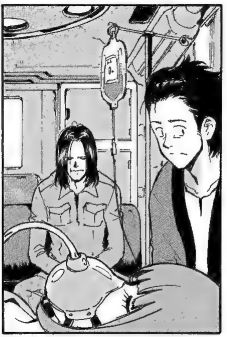

Kyoto
CHATTER
CHATTER
Whew! That wrapped things up splendidly!
Now we can finally go home!
With the Kyoto Treaty as a souvenir to mark our triumphant returns! Wa ha ha!
Morning is here, is it?

The Kyoto Eco Summit has successfully come to a close.
Good morning, Your Excelency.
IT'S ME, PRIME MINISTER NATSUME!
FWT
OUGA!
Bridge of the Genryu
Was it in time for the morning news?!
Brilliant!
I want an official announcement drafted up, stat! It should center on my grand accomplishments, of course!
It certainly is...!
It's like a space battleship!
Wooow! This is amazing, huh, Mama Akiko?

I am Mishima, commanding officer of this vessel.
Welcome aboard the *Genryu*.
What's this now? Yer wave motion gun?!
KCHK
H-Hey! Please don't touch the equipment!
Ooh la la! There was a handsome face beneath that mask! ♪
...to keep watch on the Daiba sarcophagus area.
We'll be using the monitors above...
ooh
aah

Kiara, is she okay?!
Oh, hey...!
You can do it, kids...!
Ibuse and the doctor are keeping an eye on her.
She's in the infirmary now.
It seems she's bounced back.
Yes.
The signs pointed towards the unexplained deaths the Coppelion told us about...
SSST
How mysterious ...
SSST

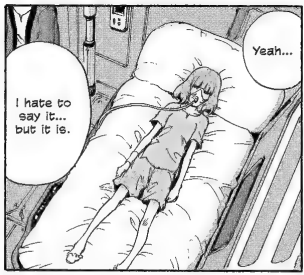
This isn't the world of *Sleeping Beauty*.
Suddenly falling asleep and never waking up again...

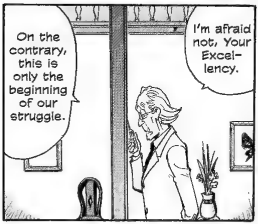


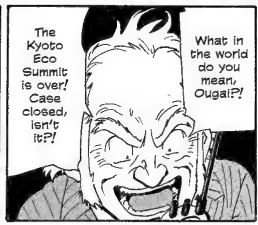
...for *all* of those children?
Is it a possibility...

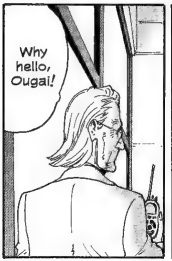
Lt. Ibuse... I need to ask you one thing.
It looks like she was lucky.
Dying from no apparent cause...

What ...?!


Yeah...
I hate to say it... but it is.

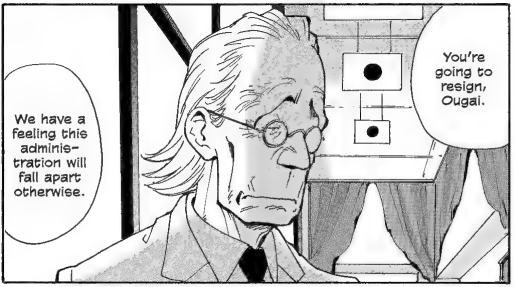

I'm afraid not, Your Excellency.
On the contrary, this is only the beginning of our struggle.

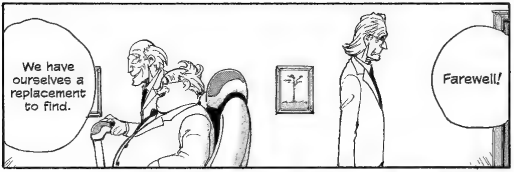

What in the world do you mean, Ougai?!
The Kyoto Eco Summit is over! Case closed, isn't it?!

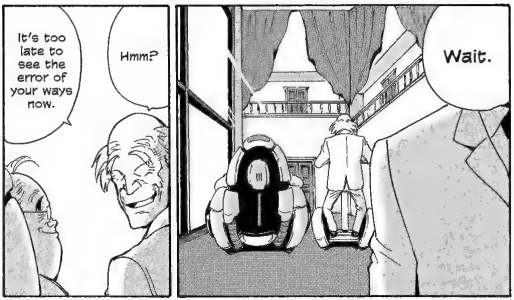

Why hello, Ougai!

Our true enemies are close at hand, you see.

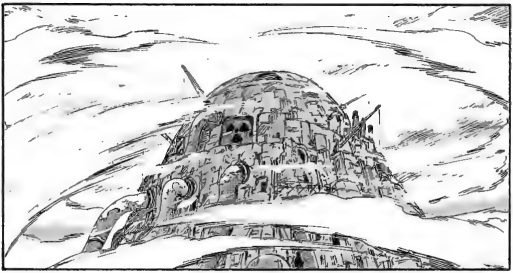
This Nuclear Waste Exportation Ban Treaty? Incredible!
VAMM
Well, well! You certainly caught us by surprise!
You won the election because you had the backing of our alliance.
We know you couldn't have forgotten, Ougai...
This treaty of yours is wholly contrary to the promises you made to us when the Natsume adminis-tration began its campaign!
Everyone in the "alliance" is in a foul mood.
...what you'll have to do now, don't you?
You do know...
...because you were all for nuclear power!
We gave you our support...


You're going to resign, Ougai.
We have a feeling this administration will fall apart otherwise.


We have ourselves a replacement to find.
Farewell!

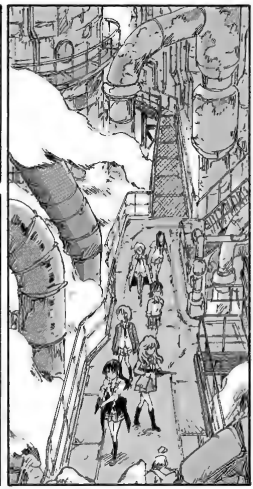

It's too late to see the error of your ways now.
Hmm?
Wait.

If you're dissatisfied with our cabinet, then very well!
I'll dissolve the House of Representatives on this very day.
A-Are you mad?!
Do you think you can beat us by going that far?!
VMM
Stop, Ouga! ...!
We won't let you get away this!

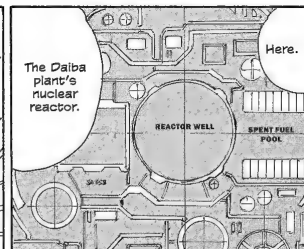


Crap, more debris! This is a dead end, guys!

Sooo where are we going, exactly?
Okay... Then we'll just have to take the long way around.



Uhh, is it even safe go near that thing?!
JUMP
The reactor itself ...?!


The Daiba plant's nuclear reactor.
Here.
REACTOR WELL
SPENT FUEL POOL

...the reactor should be filled with boric acid.
If the sarco-phague's decon-tamination system is functioning properly...

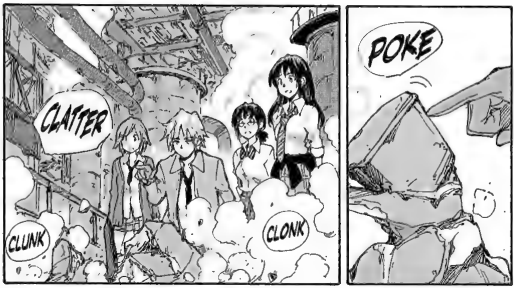
But we should be able to approach it with no issue.
Ordinary humans would be killed instantly ...

Water is used as a neutron moder-ator.
In order for neutrons to collide with uranium and thereby cause the reactor to go critical, they would first have to be slowed down.
Right. Now listen closely.

Okay, so if we drain the water out of the reactor, we're good, right?!
Got it...!
If the reactor is not flooded with water, a second accident can't occur.
In other words ...
...creating the risk of a hydrogen explosion or steam explosion!
If we do that, the heat released from radioactive decay will melt the spent nuclear fuel containers in no time at all...
CLOD
CLOD
No!
Let's say it represents the nuclear fuel currently inside the reactor.
TNK
This pile of rubble...
Then how can we stop the reactor from going critical?!

The earthquake caused a subtle change in the relative positions of the melted nuclear fuel inside the reactor.
GRRRR
In all likelihood...

Now, how do we bring the reactor back to its previous state?
The answer is simple.
Everything is perfectly in place, such that the conditions necessary for the reactor to once again reach a critical state have been met
As a result, whether by pure coincidence, or an unlucky twist of fate...


CLATTER
CLUNK
CLONK
POKE

We need to hurry along to the reactor.
It's the only way.
...to change their positions?!
We manually move the fuel...
If the Retrieval Unit wants to destroy the sarco-phague, they'll be on their way to the reactor, too!
We'll beat them there!
Okay ...!

Not exactly the safest thing to walk around with, you know!
Jesus, Ryouga!
I have a homemade plastic bomb.
Bro.
Dude, Yellow Cake won't contact us anymore.
Izzat what you think?
Wouldn't you say it's time for us to bail on this crap?
...but with this, the two of us have one last ace up our sleeve.
Look, I don't know what's going through Setsuna's head...
How can you plan on retreating to God knows where this late in the game?
Are you listening to yourself?

Shh.
Feels like we've got one foot in our own graves...
Just saying, pretty much anywhere would be better than *here*
Some-one's nearby
What now, Setsu-na?

You're mine!
Over there!
TMP
TMP
MYOOO!
!!

SHWOOB

How is this thing still alive?!
Shit, the stupid water flea!

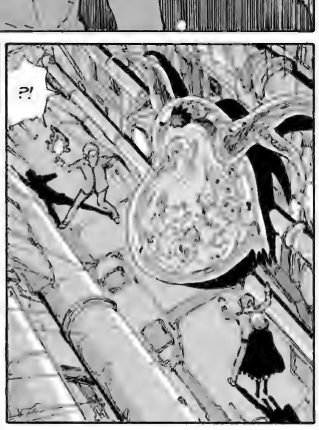
BOOMF
You little ...!

Whoa there!
SLAMM

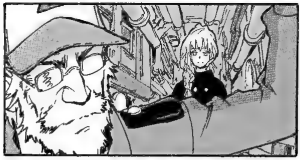
FWOOSH!

SHWOOP
!!
Don't move.

Teleportation via spatial displacement, eh? Well, I suppose that leaves me powerless.
My, my!

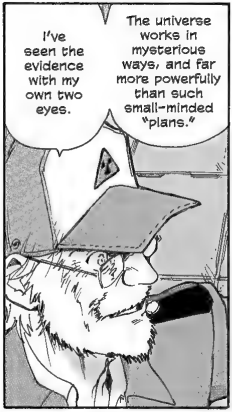

?!

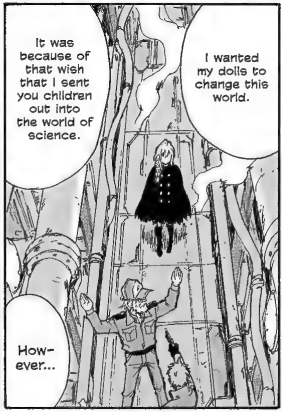
You just had to attack us, didja?
What are you doing here, old man?
KCHK
Dr. Coppelius ...!
Answer me. Now!
I had a feeling I would find you here.
I'm here to stop you.

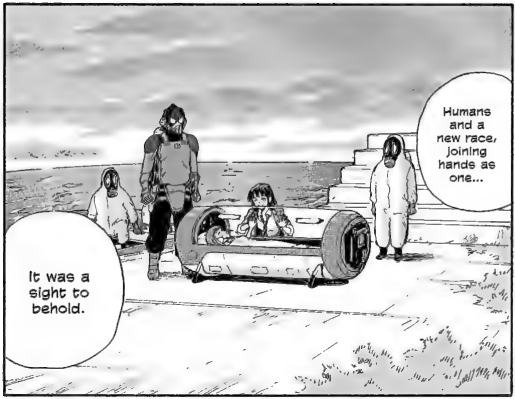


Guess what? Setsuna here has adopted your crazy-ass plan.
Oh really? Well, ain't that a shocking turn of events!

There was one flaw in my grand plan.
You don't need to do this anymore, Setsuna.


I've seen the evidence with my own two eyes.
The universe works in mysterious ways, and far more powerfully than such small-minded "plans."


It was because of that wish that I sent you children out into the world of science.
I wanted my dolls to change this world.
However...


Humans and a new race, joining hands as one...
It was a sight to behold.

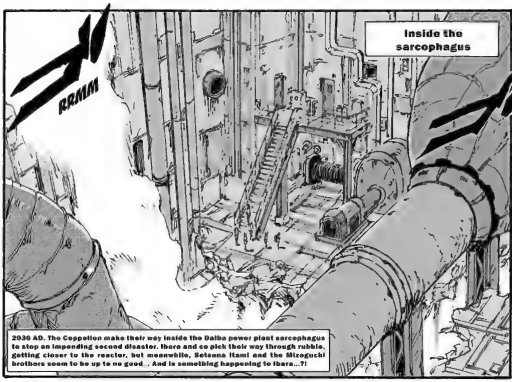
The age of humans, foolish though they may be, won't be ending anytime soon.
This research is a failure.

We will change the world *our-selves*.
Your opinion is obsolete.
Come on! Walk!
JAB
You're invited on our tour of hell!
What in the blazes are you...
Setsuna ...?

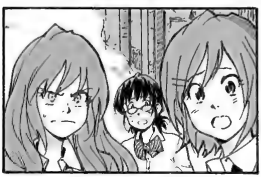
LT-B
Huuuh? Th-that's crazy!
Jump, Fukasaku!
Good God... What is this, parkour?
Ibara! C-Can you go first?
Yes! It's the fastest route!
You want us to jump across this, Haruto?!
...Ibara?

I'm just a little tired. Nothin' to worry about!
Nah...
Do you feel unwell, Ibara?
KRAM
Let's get a move on!
We're almost to the reactor!
to be continued…

Plant 3:
[Initializer]
COPPELION
Special Forces against radiation
Tomonori Inoue


GRRRM
Inside the sarcophagus
2030 AD. The Coppolion make their way inside the Daiba power plant sarcophagus to stop an impending second disaster. Ibara and co pick their way through rubble, getting closer to the reactor, but meanwhile, Setsuna Itami and the Mizoguchi brothers seem to be up to no good... And is something happening to Ibara...?!

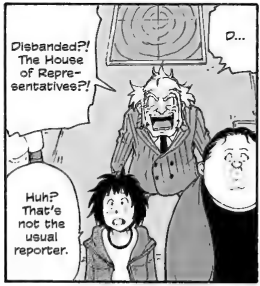
HUFF
HUFF
RUB
RUB



This place is falling apart...
We need another way through...!

I-I think something's wrong with Ibara!
Sh-She looks all sleepy!
Yeah...
Don't tell me it's—
Haruto, find us another route!
Come on, guys!
Haruto ...?
Haruto!

CLAMOR
CLAMOR
THIS MORNING'S TOP NEWS CONCERNS THE DISBANDING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES!
GOOD MORNING! YOU'RE TUNING INTO NEWS PLANET!
NEWS PLANET


Disbanded?! The House of Representatives?!
D...
Huh? That's not the usual reporter.

AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S BEEN CHAOS OUTSIDE OF THE NATIONAL DIET ALL MORNING!
CLAMOR
IT HAPPENED AS FAST AS LIGHTNING! A BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE!
NEWS PLANET

Prime Minister Naoeume! You okay?!
Ah!
WHUMP

Bridge of the Genryu

National Diet, Kyoto
Your Excellency.
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Do calm down.
What's going on here?!
POK
POK
O-Ougai!
YOU CAN'T DISBAND THE REPRESENTATIVES! WHAT WILL BECOME OF MY ADMINISTRATION?!
SKREE
CLAMOR
CALM DOWN? YOU EXPECT ME TO CALM DOWN?!
If you disband the House of Representatives, elections will follow with no time to spare!
What?! Listen here, you...
It was, however, the only way to preserve the administration.
CLAMOR
I beg your pardon.
CLAMOR

Ha ha ha! You say that as if it's simple!
Win an election ...?!
You simply need to win said election.
I am aware.
Talk like that and you won't have my vote!
Mo-ronic? Well, I never, shortie!
The enemy will do anything to win!
They'll brainwash these moronic voters!
Don't you remember how hard we had to fight to win the last one?!
The only thing to do is to hold a general election within forty days... and win.
It is unavoidable at this point.

From the way you say that...
Your must have a plan to win, correct, Ougai?
SLIDE
I've already sent it your way.
Hope-fully.
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
What's that noise?
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
What ...?!

WHUP
15
WHUP
WHUP
SA-1
As you instructed, we're currently in Tokyo airspace, Secretary Ougai!
This is your correspondent from News Planet speaking!

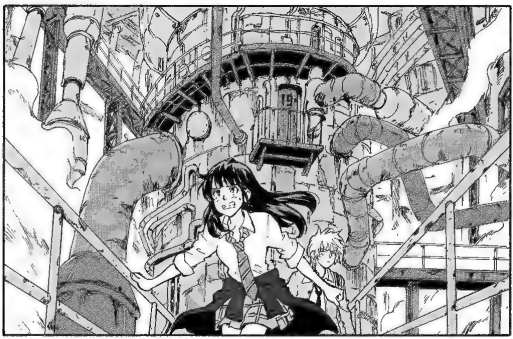
What's the news station doing out here?
Hey! It's reporter guy!
Wh...?! Tokyo?!

...you'll need the backing of the people.
To win the election ...

WHUP
WHUP
The people will choose our future.

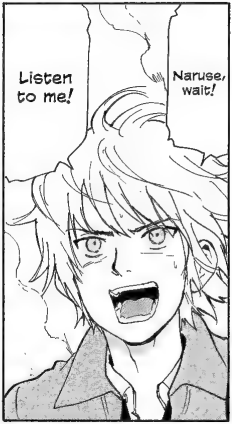
Inside the sarcophagus
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
You okay there, Dr. Coppelius?
Oh yeeeah. You're just a human, aren'tcha?
Did your aether run out?
Look, grampe.
At this point, you're a goner no matter what.

Do you want to save Setsuna?
HUFF
HUFF
Give me an answer before you kick the bucket.
Our future— where should we take it?
What did you just say?
HUFF
HUFF



It keeps goin' up!
Is this way good, Haruto?!

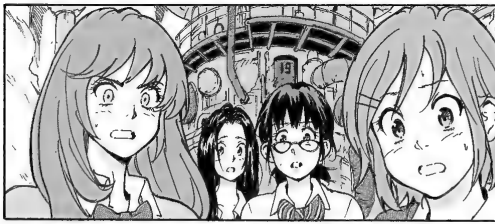
GRIP

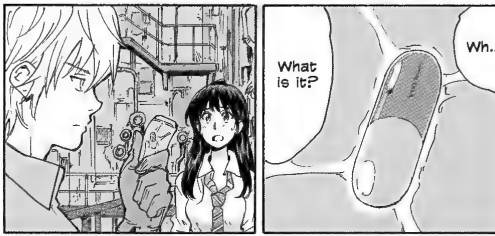

Naruse, wait!
Listen to me!

Stop and listen already.
...I'm fine!
Just a little tuckered out...
You saw Kiara's symptoms. Remember?
You're showing the same signs...
The same signs that precede sudden death.

Ibara...
I'm honestly just burnt out!
No!
WHAP
Go back to the submarine.
Naruse...
Kh...
HUFF
HUFF

When you're inside the Genryu... once you're somewhere safe...
SWISH
Listen to me, Naruse.
You want me to leave you guys and go back to the Genryu ...?!
Why would you—
Go back...?
Take this pill.




Wh...
What is it?

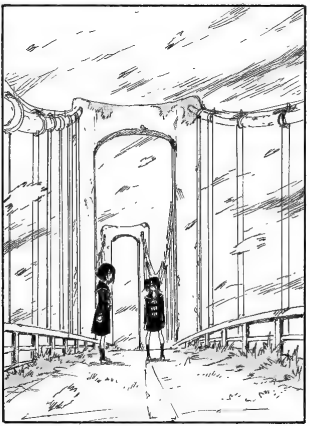
He'd left one more piece of unfinished research there.
The formula Dr. Coppelius wrote on the wall in code, back in Shelter 109...

He called it the "initializer."
At first, I didn't know what it meant.
But... then I realized ...
Coincidentally enough, I had been working on the same research.
I took a DNA sample from the Setsuna Itami clone who had dropped dead...
...and used it to look for a way to prevent the cause of this phenomenon.
...but my research stalled.
That was when—

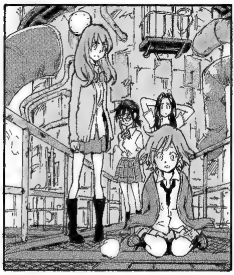
I compared my work with that of Dr. Coppelius...
...filling in the holes in both of our findings.
It led me to one answer.
To this: the initializer pill.
Taking this pill will gradualy reprogram our cells back to a previous state.
To put it plainly, if we Coppelion take this pill...
...it will reset all changes made to our DNA.

Which means you'll go back to being an ordinary human.

We can go back...?



We can be humans?
We can all become...
We'll lose our special powers.
But...
By "initializing," the sudden deaths will no longer be a concern, and it should fix the bug in the second-years DNA as well.
...yes.
All that, from just one little pill?
It sounds like magic...



Much like how one speck of a nuclear substance can cause a massive explosion.

Yes... It's like magic.

Naruse... Go back to the *Genryu* and take it.

At present, I've only been able to create one pill.

You have to take it inside the *Genryu*, where it's safe for humans.

You can't do it here. The radiation would kill you.

There's no time to hesitate!
You already have the symptoms of—
BOOM
B-1
!!

Damn it...!
It's the Retrieval Unit!
Of all the times for them to show...!

Well, well!
You guys are here too, huh?
Hmm?
What do you got there? A map?
Run!
Fighting here would damage the sarcopha-gus!

DASH
Run wheeere?!
GRAB
Come on, Naruse!

RAAM
RAAM
I can see the reactor shaped
It's too danger- ous to go any closer!

What in the world?
It's— people! There are people exiting the sarco-phagus!
?!
We're going on air live! Now!
Start shoot-ing!
Y-Yes, sir!
WHUP
WHUP

Thank you, TV!
Zoom that camera in! Isn't there any sound?!
Ohh! They're all there!
It's Kanon and everybody!
Why are you stopping?! Run!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
What the?! It's a helicopter...
Hellooo! Down heeere!

FWOOM
KRAK
KER-THWAM
KRIIINK
Whoa!

WHOP
Oh, no! The sarcophagus is falling apart!
Stop! The radiation will leak out!
GRRUM
The smokestack...!
It's only a cooling tower! Not a problem!
This way, Ibara!
O-okay!
They're getting away!
Bro? What are you waiting for?

You and your friends can start over from the be-ginning.
It's true.

...
Why you... Don't fuck with me!

You can choose a different path.

HWOOO
Naruse!
Take those stairs down!
You can make it out from here!
Go back to the Genryu!
Please...
I can't let you die!
Come on... Hurry...!

We'll join you later...!
Yes!
We've got this!
Go, Ibara...!
Hold onto that pill.
Haruto...

I'm me!
I wanna stay that way...!

FWOOO
Come on!
RATATA
We got a way back in!
OOOO
TATATA

Are you seeing this?!
Ohhh ...!
RRRM
AS I SPEAK. THE GIRLS...
...ARE DISAPPEARING BACK INSIDE THE SARCOPHAGUS!
to be continued...

Plant 4:
[Castle of Sand]

COPPELION

ecial Forces Against radiation

presented by Tomonori Inoue

LIVE
WHUP
AS YOU CAN SEE, ONE COOLING TOWER COLLAPSED BUT MOMENTS AGO!
WE'RE BROAD-CASTING LIVE FROM DAIBA, TOKYO, OVERLOOK-ING THE SARCO-PHAGUS!
WHUP
2036 AD. Ibara exhibits symptoms of the Cappelion's sudden death, but determined to see their mission through, she refuses to take the initializer pill Haruka created. Meanwhile, in order to combat the "Alliance" and their scheme to use for nuclear power for financial gain, Ougai announces the disbanding of the administration and new elections... and sends the media to Tokyo to show the public the existence of the Cappelion.
NEWS PLANET

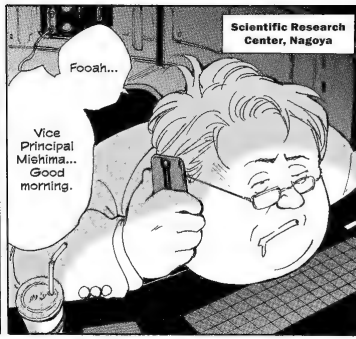
CLAMOR
THIS OPERATION WAS ORDERED BY PRIME MINISTER NATSUME.
CLAMOR
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TAKES ALL RESPONSIBILI-TY FOR THE RESULTS!
CURRENTLY, A JSDF SPECIAL FORCES UNIT IS EN ROUTE FOR THE POWER PLANT'S REACTOR IN ORDER TO STOP A SECOND ACCIDENT!
JCC CARD
LIVE
BUT ACCORDING TO AUTHOR-ITIES, THAT MUCH IS BUT MINIMAL DAMAGE!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Kyoto

It's nonsense!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Yes, but unlike before, this information is coming to us officially from the government, via the media...
If that's true, they should contact our station too!
We're cutting to commercials!
Sounds like something from a hokey manga! Do they think people will believe that?!
Not those Coppelion girls again!
BAM
FSSHH
The Genryu, Tokyo Bay
Now the public finally knows about our girls.
I should hope so.
All of Japan will be rooting for them.
Wow!
It's on every channel!

Is it not clear from the video that these "Coppelion" are out of control and destroyed that cooling tower?
This is a completely irresponsible and extremely dangerous plan!
Liars! Kanon an' them are tryin'a protect the sarcophagus!
Wh-What are those commentators thinking?
YES! IT IS ALL THE FAULT OF THE NATSUME ADMINISTRATION, DON'T YOU AGREE?!
I SEE...! THEN, IN FACT, THIS HAS MADE THE SITUATION WORSE?
IT IS THE WORK OF THE "ALLIANCE."
Aww!
But they're gonna make everybody look like bad guys!
The TV won't hear you, boy.

They've begun their attack to defeat us at the election.
The first of many character assassinations.
Prime Minister's Residence, Kyoto
I would be wasting my time were I to argue with them.
Our only option for now is to show the public the truth.
Will that be enough ?!
Is there anythin' we can do?
RING RING
RING RING
CLICK
CLOD
CLOD
BLIP BLEEP
Wake up, Mushanokoji!

What has you calling first thing in the morning?
Whew...
CREAK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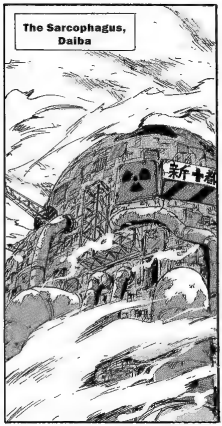
Fooah...
Vice Principal Miehima... Good morning.


The Sarcophagus, Daiba
新十郎

I'll treat you to anything you like.
I have one last favor to ask of you.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

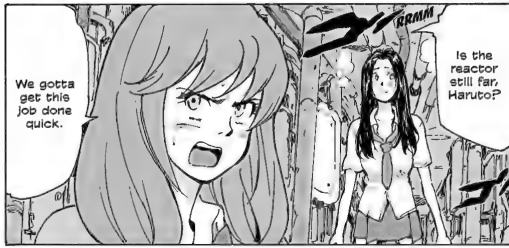
I'm sorry, Naruse.
I put you in a difficult position.
CLENCH
Forget about the pill.

HIC
HIC...
ゴ
RRMM
ゴ
ゴ
CRAAAAK
ギ
ギ
....?!
ゴ
CRACK
キ
ゴ
CREAK

KREEE
What's that noise?! Another earth-quake?!
Wh...
BRRMM

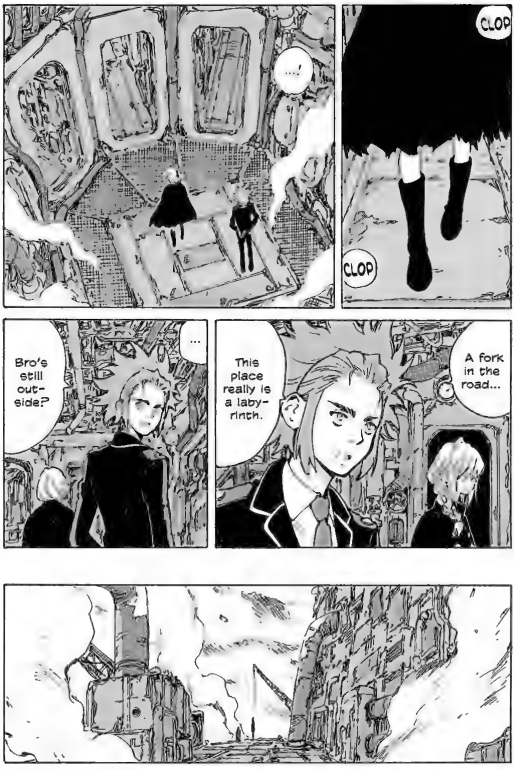
KREEE

Those are the groans of an old and worn sarcopha-gus.
The fallen tower had a larger effect than we thought.
KREE-


We gotta get this job done quick.
BRRMM
Is the reactor still far, Haruto?

The turbine deck that connects directly to the reactor.
The only entrance is through here...
TURBINE DECK
Most of the doors leading to the reactor section are sealed shut.
Right.
Thermal energy from the reactor boils cool water, and the resulting steam then turns huge turbines at high speeds, generating electricity.
Correct.
That's where the electricity is generated, yes?
Turbines...?
...but the reactor we are heading for had a major meltdown.
CONTAINMENT SHELL
PRESSURE VESSEL
FUEL
STEAM
WATER
CONTROL RODS
PRESSURE SUPPRESSION POOL
ELECTRICITY
TURBINE
GENERATOR
CONDENSER
WARM WATER
COOL WATER (SEA WATER)
REACTOR
TURBINE
Its structure should be similar to that of other reactors...

But we have to stop a second disaster.
We'll be walking into hell.
...to the turbine deck...
HUFF
HUFF
Let's go...
We'll get this sarcophagus stable!


...!
CLOP
CLOP
...
Bro's still outside?
This place really is a labyrinth.
A fork in the road...

WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
This "initializer"...
It can make us human again?
Yes
HFF
Most likely... no, I'm certain of it. Haruto has learned how to create it.
Listen well, Touma Mizoguchi.
NNEEZE

...then you must cooperate with Haruto!
If you wish to save Setsuna...
Let's get revenge on the humans.
Come on, Bro.
What've you been talking about?

Set-suna?!
Aaaah!
Ah...
Ahh... ah...
Ah...
CLANG
CLANG
Set-suna!
What's wrong?!

HUFF
Fa...
ther...
HUFF
...ther.
Father
...
I got the
starring
role
in the
ballet...
Father
...

HUFF
No...
I'm not... you...!
HUFF
Are you okay? Say something.
Setsuna?
What are you saying?
Wha...?
It couldn't be—
It...

Looks like she's defective, too.
She'll have the same fate as the other clones.
Tch...
Can you say for sure that you won't, Ryouga?
We're all walking across the same tightrope.
What are you getting at?
I'm starting to get pissed off here.
There's no telling when we'll tumble down into the depths of hell.
RRMM

RRMM
RRMM
Crap... It's getting hotter!
!
T-1
Haruto! A door!
That's it!
The turbine deck is on the other side!

!
PSSHH
I'll open it!
Al-right!
Oh...
INCH
Oh no...
Stop!
S...
T-1
If we keep going, we'll get worse than burns!
The steam past here is extremely hot!

It's keeping the rest of the sarcophagus cool!
What happened to the air conditioning system?!
But it's the only way in!
...
Are you telling me we got this far and we can't go in?!
You gotta be kidding me!
It's gone beyond the cooling system's limits!
...It's proof that the reactor has increased in temperature due to the impending meltdown.
T-1
HUFF
HUFF
It's no good ...?
Dang it...!

My phone?!
RING RING
Wait...
RING RING
RING RING
RING RING
TAK
Oho!
Hello?!
H...
Mr. Mushanokoji? But how?
Huh?!
Doesn't the radiation interfere with the signal?
It is I, Mushanokoji!
I got through!

The VP ...
I hacked into several military satellites that can emit powerful signals...
...then turned them to face the sarcophagus all at once! Hohoho!
It was at the request of the VP!
Is the mission proceeding safely?!
Naruse!
Go ahead!
Vice Principal Mishima, you're on the line!
Yeah, we're okay!
VP...

You sound different than usual.
What's wrong?

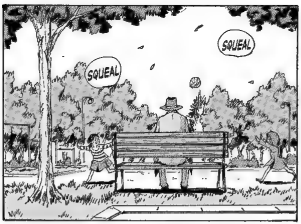
We've run into a problem just outside the turbine deck!
VP...!

NARUSE ?!

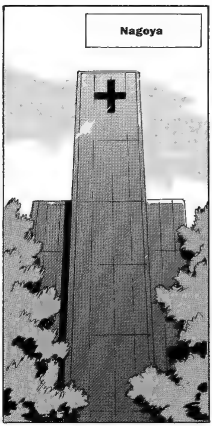
WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE TURBINE DECK TO GET TO THE REACTOR. IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?!
IT'S KEEPING US FROM ENTERING THE TURBINE DECK!
THERE'S A BUILDUP OF EXTREMELY HOT STEAM FROM THE CHANGES IN THE REACTOR ...

Can we cool things down?!
Gramps?!
We know plenty about the sarcoph-agus! We built the thing!
Hold on now! The turbine deck, she said?
We're only experts about the outer wall! We don't know a thing about its innards!
W-we don't know! Sorry!
It's in section three, so the cooling system there is, uh...
Just a second! Let's see now... The turbine deck is, erm, what was it...
I reckon whoever designed the power plant would know all about it?
Well...
Who would know, then?!
Gimme a break!

... designer ?!
The power plant's...


SQUEAL
SQUEAL

We've got an emergency!
TMP TMP
Doctor ....!


Nagoya

Dr. Shiba...!

CAN YOU HEAR ME?
MISS IBARA.

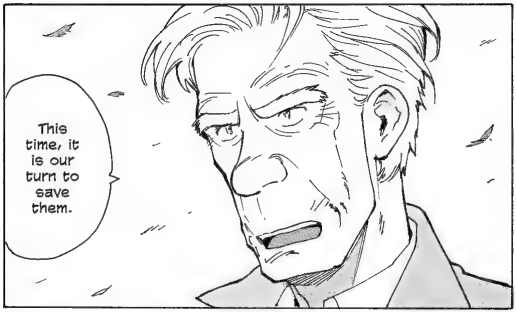
Yes!
Have you been well, dear?
Dr. Shiba?!
Good, good.
Let me hear their voices.
Aoi and Taeko are with me, too!
Yes, sir...!

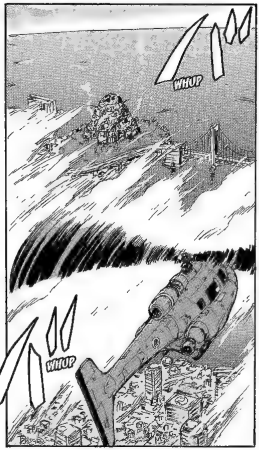
I watched the children play in the park every day.
Yes. I'm just fine.
Are you holding up okay?! Getting used to life out there?
It's me, Dr. Shiba!
I'm so glad...!
Yeah?
She's made fast friends and plays happily.
KOYA HAYAMA
Miku is here, too.
RRMM

For our final mission.
Yes.
...you're inside the sarcophagus?
They tell me...
...to turn a low-pressure turbine, which powers the sarcophagus.
The ECCS uses the steam from the decay heat after the original meltdown...
Now, are you listening?
The sarcophagus uses the same emergency core cooling system that was originally installed in the reactor.
I see...
If that balance is broken, and any areas are at dangerous temperatures...
Now, this cooling system keeps the sarcophagus at a fixed temperature.

Okay, tell us what we need to do!
Really ...?!
Then you should be able to enter the turbine deck.
...you need simply concentrate the ECCS on that particular area.
TURN BACK, AND YOU'LL COME UPON CONTROL ROOM 2 BEFORE LONG.
I'LL TELL YOU HOW TO CONTROL THE ECCS FROM THERE.
We'll call you when we get there!
Roger that!

BOOP
BOOP
GOTTA GO!
ポロ…
PLOP
GIGGLE GIGGLE
SQUEAL
...to keep the castle of sand we built from crumbling down.
Even now, those girls are fighting...


This time, it is our turn to save them.


WHUP
WHUP

...?
SWISH!
Dr. Shiba? Where are you going?

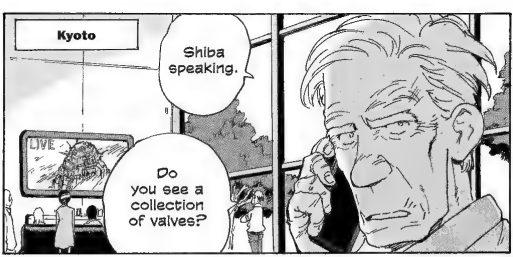
CRACK
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE THE SARCOPHAGUS?!
ALT
CREAK
WHUP
OH...! LISTEN CLOSELY!
MIXED IN WITH THE SOUND O FOUR HELICOPTER, WE CAN HEAR THE UNSETTLING CREAKING OF METAL!
KREEE
WHUP
VIEWERS, LET US ALL WATCH OVER THE COPPELION'S MISSION AS ONE!
ONLY THOSE GIRLS CAN SAVE US FROM TRAGEDY.
You girls wait here. Once the steam cools down, head into the turbine deck!
There's no time to waste. I'll head for the control room!
DASH
Huh? But...

Got it, Haruto!
...
Go on ahead, Naruse!
I swear I'll be back.
RRMM
to be continued…

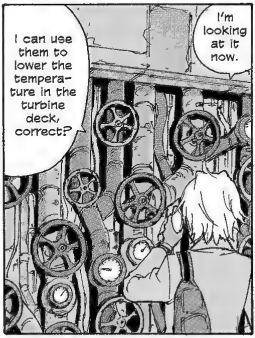
Plant 5:
[Cellular Memory]
COPPELION
Special Forces against radiation
presented by Tomonori Inoue

RRM
RRM
2035 AD. Ibara and company make their way into the sarcophagus to stop a second nuclear disaster, but intensely hot steam in front of the turbine deck stops them in their tracks! Haruto gets help form Dr Shiba through the military satellite, and makes for Control Room 2 on his own to operate the cooling system...!
RRM
RRM
Should be through here.
Control Room 2...
SLIP

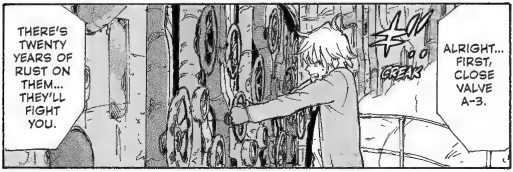
RRM
RRM
I'm inside Control Room 2.
Do you read me, Dr. Shiba?
HHH
BEEP BOOP


Kyoto
Shiba speaking.
LIVE
Do you see a collection of valves?

Yes... Now, this will be a little tricky.
Do just as I say.


I'm looking at it now.
I can use them to lower the temperature in the turbine deck, correct?

Yes, sir!
I'm ready.


ALRIGHT... FIRST, CLOSE VALVE A-3.
GRRRK
THERE'S TWENTY YEARS OF RUST ON THEM... THEY'LL FIGHT YOU.

KREEOO
KREEAA
It sounds like it's screamin'...
Damn, this noise is starting to get to me!
CREEEAK
RUMBLE

SWAY
Ibara ...!!
!!
WHUMP
No ...!
Wake up, Ibara!
You have to stay awake!!
Oh, Ibara ...!
Please... Open your eyes!

It's okay... I just got a little dizzy is all...
Ao...
Urgh...
Ahun ...
Please...
Ibara...
Please don't leave us...
What would we do...
...without you?
Ao!...

We're going home together... All of us...
No matter what, you're coming home with us, okay?
Yeah...
Let's go home...
THIS MEANS THAT THE COPPELION PROJECT WAS SAFEGUARDED AS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.
...AND KEPT SECRET FROM THE PUBLIC UNTIL NOW.

Exactly! This involves human rights, too! A very grave issue!
CLAMOR
This is about more than nuclear policy now!
CLAMOR
WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN MIND, THEY ARE CLEARLY GEARING UP FOR A UNITED OPPOSITION AGAINST THE NATSUME ADMINISTRATION ...
POLITICAL OPPONENTS ARE GATHERING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE.
ACCORDING TO POLLS...
THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC IS UNEASY ABOUT THE PROJECT...
OPINIONS OF PUNDITS ARE ALSO DIVIDED ...
...going to change at this point?
What is asking that...
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE COPPELION PROJECT?
11%: NOT SURE
21%: NOT WORRIED
CHART. 68%: WORRIED
PUBLIC POLL
They're sayin' everybody's scared!
Th-This could be bad!

WHAT WILL BECOME OF JAPAN?!
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE SARCO-PHAGUS?
CLANK
Found you.
!!
Valve C-5 is open! What's next?!
Dr. Shiba!

What, you're all alone, Haruto Kurosawa?
Whatcha doing there?
Haruto!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAP

BANG
!!
CRACK
We have some-thing to take care of there, too.
You're going to take us to the reactor.
WHAM!
...

HEFT
This is a time bomb, actually.
Oh, we'll have time to make our escape.
HFF
You won't survive it your-selves.
...I don't know what you're plan-ning, but it's not a good idea.
HAA
LUNGE
Ah... Ahhh!!
SHOOM
!!

You have healing powers, right?
Ha ha ha!
Get up. Show us the way!
You don't have time for that, do you?
Do you want to make me test how much cold you can take?
You ...!
Stop your brother!
SHBOOM
Get up!
Ahh... Aaargh !

Don't you see what's happening, Touma Mizoguchi?
Open your eyes...!
Father...?

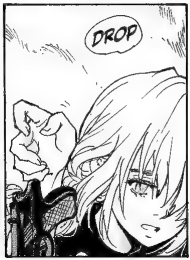
PLOP
WHAM
Guhn...
Is that a blueprint of the sarcophagus?
Welp, it's ours now.
Which makes you a dead man.
THUMP

...

Setsu-
na...!

You...
Y...

You
bitch
of a
traitor!!
Tch...

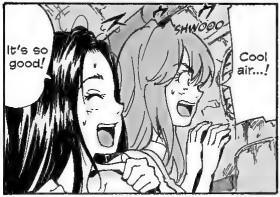

DROP

RAM
!!
B...
WHOOM
Bro?! What are y—
RRMM
Aaaaugh!

HFF
HAA
HFF
HAA
Y...
You did well, Touma...!
Setsuna! Are you okay?!
Stop... Stay out of my head ...!!
Ah... aaaahh!

She teleported!
Shit.
FSST
THIS IS SHIBA. DID YOU RUN INTO TROUBLE?
FWT
HFF
HAA
What the hell...!
Where are you, Setsuna...!
I'm ready to continue!
It's taken care of...!

SHWOOO
...?!

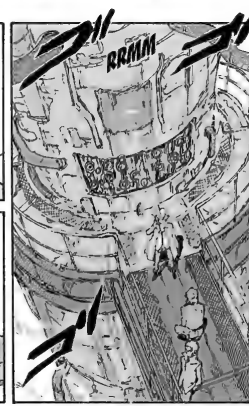

SHWOOO
It's so good!
Cool air...!

SHOOM
Ah...!
T-1
Look! The steam's being sucked away...!

I know...! Haruto got the cooling system working for us!
Ibara ...!

RRMM
T-1
We're entering the turbine deck!
Okay ...!

We should be able to get to the reactor now.
Thank you, Dr. Shiba!


RRMM

IF YOU NEED ANY-THING ELSE, CONTACT ME.
BE CARE-FUL...

SWISH
HFF
WHEEZE
It's my last aether plus.
I saved it for you, Dr. Coppelius.
RRRM
You saved me.
I owe you my thanks.

But it'll have to wait until we complete our mission here.
...understood. It's a promise.
You can make them, right?
Then give me two initializer pills.
You'll lend us your aid, then, Touma Mizoguchi?
Yeah, I guess you're right... It'd be pointless to become human only to live in a polluted world.
Stopping a second meltdown?
Within her very DNA, two personalities are battling each other...
Setsuna must be stopped ...
Setsuna...

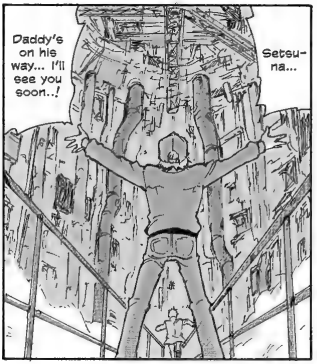
My daughter, who passed away 24 years ago.
The original Setsuna Itami.
Two ...?
Who's the second personality?
She's been sleeping this entire time.
Not so...
Are you saying she just came back from the dead?!
Wh... What is that supposed to mean?!

Deep in the fragments of her copied DNA...
She's been in a slumber for 24 long years...

"Cellular memory."
My research made it a reality!

I created a miracle!
I did it! Ha ha ha!
Setsuna... my daughter... I brought her back to life!
Ha ha ha...!
I theorize that the two souls are battling for control... each attempting to erase the other...!
...this is a most precarious situation...
A doll to house a soul...
Hey! How do we erase the original?!
GRAB
You're kidding me...!
Are you saying that the Setsuna I know was only ever meant to be a container for the original?

You can't.
It is something those girls must decide for themselves.
We have no say in it anymore...
Ha ha ha...
All we can do is watch as they wage war...!
I'm catching up with Naruse and the others!
We have to make it to the reactor before Setsuna does.
Take me with you, Haruto ...!
Let me see my daughter...!


Daddy's on his way... I'll see you soon..!
Setsu-na...

She's her own person! Let the dead rest!
She's not your daughter!

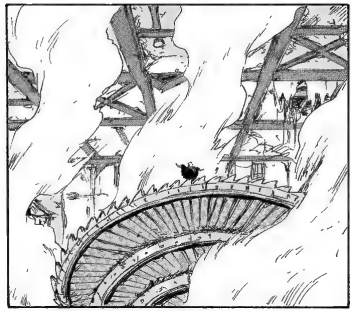
...
?!

PSSH

It's broken ...
That's a turbine ...?

Wait!

The reactor's right on the other side, remember?
Let's move!



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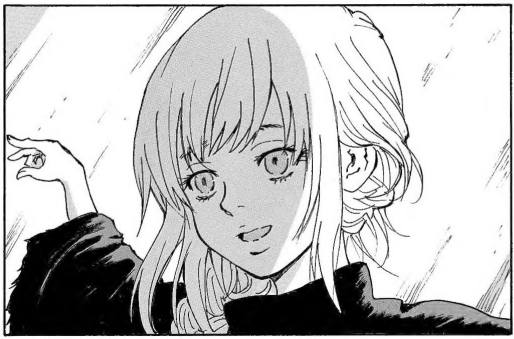
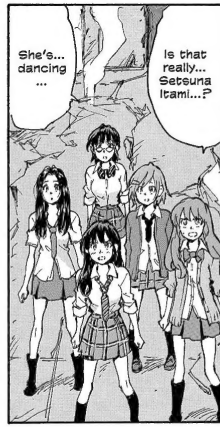
What ...?

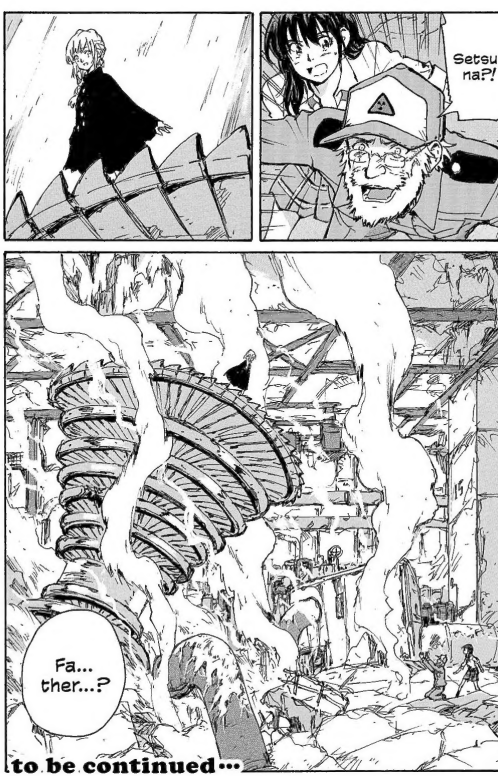


Setsuna...


She's... dancing ...
Is that really... Setsuna Itami...?

Wake up, Setsuna ...
Setsu-naaa...!!
Why, Setsuna ...?
Why ...?
Don't leave me, Setsuna ...!
Don't die...
It's awful...
They say she jumped...

CHART
Don't leave me...
...all alone...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